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SUBJECT: Star Gate Transfer Chronology: 1995

Jan: Preliminary planning meetings by CIA senior management in response to Congressionally Directed Action (CDA) to transfer Star Gate Program.

D/ORD Appointed program manager at CIA/ORD.

✓ Contacted Office of Military Affairs to coordinate meetings with DIA and US Army (in anticipation of Star Gate review).

6 Feb: ✓ ORD hosts the DIA Star Gate program manager and personnel for detailed brief to CIA on Star Gate.

Feb-Mar: Informal discussions with US Army Research Institute (ARI) and National Research Council (NRC) about potential CIA paranormal study request

Feb-Apr: ✓ Archiving begins of all DIA and CIA files relating to paranormal studies going back 20 years

Feb: Met with Center for Studies on Intelligence (CSI) to discuss potential strategies for declassification

28 Feb: CIA met with DIA principal investigator at SAIC, Dr. Ed May. All-day technical exchange.

Mar: ✓ Formal memo sent from ORD to DIA requesting their assistance with declassification to facilitate execution of the CDA

1 Mar: CIA and Representative from Office of Military Affairs make site visit to Ft. Meade to meet all program personnel and discuss transfer. All-day technical exchange.

15 Mar: After informal discussions with NRC, panel member selection begins: Jessica Utts, John Palmer, James Alcock, and Ray Hyman contacted by NRC and agree to act as commissioned reviewers

✓ CIA hires Independent Contractor to assemble detailed bibliographies of all Star Gate program documents potentially subject of review. IC begins to work at Ft. Meade with Star Gate personnel immediately

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- 21 Mar: ✓ CIA accompanies DIA at DIA's request to brief Star Gate program to assistant to Undersecretary of Policy (Benson Adams), NRC study discussed.
- 27 Mar:** Submitted a "Terms of Reference" in formal response to the Congressionally Directed Action stating NRC would perform unclassified retrospective, CIA would proceed with declassification, interim report on management strategy would be provided in July
- Briefed Richard D'Amato at Hart Senate Office bldg. on status of transfer; obtained agreement on previously submitted Terms of Reference
- NOTE: ✓ DIA and CIA coordinated the official response to Congress (27 Mar) including notice to DIA about schedule of NRC study conclusion.
- 28 Mar:** Formal meeting with NRC representatives and final drafting of Statement of Work for submission to Internal NRC Governing Board 16 May.
- 31 Mar Discussion with Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Privacy Act Coordinator concerning request on CIA paranormal studies. Response complicated by declassification efforts
- Mar-Apr: MOU executed between US Army and CIA, funds officially transferred to Pentagon
- Apr: ✓ Evaluation of customer feedback on Star Gate tasking begins at Ft. Meade
- ✓ [ ] informed about possible study schedule into 1996. He asked when we would provide information on future of DIA people, I agreed to call him 16 May because that's when NRC schedule would be finalized.
- 14 Apr: Official memo to CIA OGC asking them consider declassification issues and other questions concerning how to proceed on Star Gate transfer
- 1 May:** **NRC formally rejects CIA study proposal citing prior definitive study. NRC stated unequivocally that "the case for remote viewing...is virtually nonexistent."**
- 2 May: Formal meeting with president and representatives of American Institutes of Research (AIR) to consider potential CIA study request after NRC rejection

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- 10 May: ✓ DIA responds to request for assistance in declassification citing new EO 12958 as controlling, declines any further DIA action. Agrees to CIA declassifying DIA fact of program.
- 16 May: ✓ [ ] telephoned [ ] to inform him NRC study canceled and let him know about negotiations with AIR and the new projected study end date of about October. Complained about 10 May memo. 25X1
- mid-May ✓ [ ] informs us they will reassign Star Gate personnel since study will not be concluded by 1 July. We concur in this decision. 25X1
- 19 May: Meeting with CIA's OGC to discuss EO 12958, other declassification strategies and issues.
- 22 May: SSCI briefed on Star Gate status. Seven staffers attended.
- 1 June: American Institutes for Research blue ribbon panel contract signed.
- ✓ DIA notified that CIA will give DIA documents to AIR and disclose DIA's program. DIA concurs.
- SRI notified of CIA's intention to disclose formerly SECRET association. SRI later concurs.
- Ad hoc Declassification Committee formed to review Studies in Intelligence Article summarizing history of CIA program.
- 12 June: Office of Public Affairs notified of upcoming AIR meeting and planned disclosures.
- 14 June: First group of unclassified documents transferred to AIR. AIR asks for identification of 10 best reports.
- Memo submitted to CSI recommending declassification by ad hoc committee of Studies article.
- 21 June: Director ORD declassifies 3 ORD classified SRI contract documents identified as critical to AIR panel after internal review.
- 22 June: Meeting with ADDS&T to discuss key Star Gate issues

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